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DECLARATION

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRANSLATION OF FRENCH
DRAFT DECLARATION CIRCULATED DURING OCTOBER 3 COUNCIL MEETING.
WE WILL BE WORKING FROM THE TEXT BELOW IN COUNCIL "COMPOSITION"
AND SPC DRAFTING OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION.
BEGIN TEXT.

FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
2ND OCTOBER, 1973

DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE FIFTEEN ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS

1. THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TREATY THEY CONCLUDED 25 YEARS AGO TO
SAFEGUARD THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE FOLLOWING A CONFLICT
IN WHICH THEY WERE NEARLY DISPOSSESSED OF BOTH HAS FULLY
ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES. UNDER ITS PROTECTION, WESTERN EUROPE
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HAS SUCCESSFULLY EFFECTED ITS POST-WAR RECOVERY, ATTAINED AN
UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AND LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR
UNITY WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, THE WESTERN WORLD WAS GROWING
IN SELF-RELIANCE, AND HAS WORKED TO PROMOTE THE CULTURAL VALUES

OF THE FORM OF CIVILISATION TO WHICH ITS NAME IS ATTACHED.

2. IN MORE RECENT YEARS, GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS; THUS, A CONFERENCE COMPRISING 35 EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS NOW PREPARING TO LAY DOWN THE PRINCIPLES FOR ESTABLISHING SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE. THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE WELCOME THIS TURN OF EVENTS BUT ARE OF THE OPINION THAT, AS LONG AS CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT PERMIT OF GENERAL, COMPLETE AND SUPERVISED DISARMAMENT, WHICH ALONE COULD BRING TRUE SECURITY FOR ALL, THESE DEVELOPMENTS, FAR FROM RUNNING COUNTER TO THE AIMS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, MAKE IT INCUMBENT UPON THEM TO MAINTAIN THE TIES IT HAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THEM. PEACELOVING COUNTRIES HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVE BY DISREGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR OWN SECURITY.

3. AT THE SAME TIME THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THEIR COMMON DEFENCE HAVE UNDERGONE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE LAST DECADE. THE MUTUAL VULNERABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION RESULTING FROM THE BALANCE OF THEIR STRATEGIC FORCES ESTABLISHES GREAT STABILITY IN THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO POWERS. EUROPE, HOWEVER, REMAINS VULNERABLE TO ALL OTHER FORMS OF CONFLICT AND THE PROBLEM OF ITS DEFENCE ASSUMES AN INCREASINGLY SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

4. THE NEW SITUATION DOES NOT ALTER THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM AS MATTERS STAND AT PRESENT; THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE - AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WISH TO RE-AFFIRM IT - TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHETHER THEY ARE BASED IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN EUROPE.

5. YET, FROM THIS SITUATION RESULT THE OBLIGATIONS FOR EUROPE TO TAKE GREATER ACCOUNT OF THE RISKS CONFRONTING IT AND FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BRING INTO PLAY ALL THE MEANS THAT CAN WARD OFF SUCH RISKS. THE EUROPEAN, COUNTRIES WHOSE FORCES ACCOUNT FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF THE ALLIANCE'S CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF WHICH POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES CAPABLE OF

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FULFILLING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN, UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON DEFENCE EFFORT AT A LEVEL CAPABLE OF DISCOURAGING ANY MOVE DIRECTED AGAINST THEIR INDEPENDENCE OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, DECLARES THAT IT WILL COUNTENANCE NO SITUATION WHEREBY EUROPE IS EXPOSED TO EXTERNAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY PRESSURE WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE LOSS OF ITS FREEDOM; THE UNITED STATES RE-AFFIRMS THAT IT WILL KEEP ITS FORCES IN EUROPE AT A LEVEL CONSISTANT WITH A CREDIBLE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND A CAPABILITY TO DEFEND THE ATLANTIC AREA SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION OF 22ND JUNE, 1973 IS TO PREVENT ALL FORMS OF WAR AND NOT TO LAY DOWN THE RULES AND LIMITS FOR WAGING WAR.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AFFIRM THAT, THE FINALITY OF ANY DEFENCE POLICY BEING TO DENY AN EVENTUAL ADVERSARY THE OBJECTIVES THAT HE WOULD WISH TO IMPOSE, ALL THE FORCES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE USED TO THIS END.

7. COMMON DEFENCE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. THE COMMON GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN AN ARRAY OF FORCES CAPABLE OF PREVENTING THE INCEPTION OF A CONFLICT THE STAKE OF WHICH, THROUGH THE SUPPRESSION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF EUROPE, WOULD BE WORLD DOMINATION.

8. IN THIS PERSPECTIVE IT IS RECOGNISED THAT THE FORCES THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINES IN EUROPE PLAY A ROLE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ITS OWN DEFENCE, AS WELL AS FOR THAT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. LIKEWISE, THE HEADWAY WHICH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS MAKING IN THE DIRECTION OF POLITICAL UNITY SHOULD, IN DUE COURSE, FAVOURABLY AFFECT THE CONTRIBUTION THAT ITS MEMBER NATIONS, WHICH ARE AT THE SAME TIME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE, WILL BRING TO THE PROBLEM OF DEFENCE.

9. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE CONVINCED THAT, NOW AS BEFORE, THESE AAIMS WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THEY CONTINUE AMONG THEMSELVES CLOSE CONSULTATION AND TRUSTFUL CO-OPERATION ON ALL PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST.

10. THEY RE-AFFIRM THAT THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES PRECLUDE ANY AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE, THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY; AND THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. NO MEANS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FURTHERANCE OF WORLD PEACE WILL EVER BE USED TO PROMOTE THESE EFFORTS.

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